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PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136

The undersigned requests an extension of time, by three months, of the period for response in the above-identified application, which period was originally set by the Examiner to expire on 11/22/02. The new due date is 02/22/03.

Please charge the fee of \$ 930.-- for the additional three months as required for this petition to account No. 500465.

Respectfully submitted,

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